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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Official Action currently outstanding with regard to the above-identified application, which Official Action the Examiner has designated as being non-final on its Summary Page but as being FINAL in its CONCLUSION section. In view of this internal contradiction within the outstanding Official Action, the fact that this is a first Official Action after the filing of an RCE and that the Examiner clearly indicates that the claims have been extensively changed and her position concerning the support in the specification for the claims has changed since the last action, Applicants respectfully submit that the currently outstanding Official Action should be deemed NON-FINAL, and respectfully request that the subject application be amended as follows: